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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Response to non-Final Office Action (7 pages), and
2. Return Postcard

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 212/692-6803, New York, New York. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

Further to the outstanding non-Final Office Action dated December 15, 2004 (Paper No. 20041211) for the above-identified patent application, Applicants submit the following Response.

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.